



# Austin City Council MINUTES

WORKSESSION  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1998

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order noting the presence of all Councilmembers.

## BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

1. ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION - Teresa Reel, Chair  
Presentation given by Milton Lee.
2. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION - Peter Pfeiffer, Chair  
Presentation given by Peter Pfeiffer.
3. CHILD CARE COUNCIL - Rhonda Paver - Chair, to present Status Report  
Presentation given by Rhonda Paver.
4. MONTHLY ELECTRIC UTILITY MANAGEMENT REPORT  
Presentation given by Milton Lee, Jim Blumberg, Scott McColough and Roger Duncan.

## BRIEFINGS

5. SUSTAINABLE ENERGY  
Presentation given by Roger Duncan, Mike Sloan and Milton Lee.

## CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

### READING OF CONSENT AGENDA

### READING OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

### CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: CONSENT AGENDA

### ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

## PREVIEW OF ITEMS FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

6. Review of Proposed Agenda Items from the City Manager for February 26, 1998.
7. Review of Proposed Agenda Items from Council for February 26, 1998.
8. Discuss and identify consent and discussion agenda items for the February 12, 1998 Council meeting agenda. (Agenda for February 12, 1998 is attached and incorporated by reference.)  
Consent items are as follows: Item #'s 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 36, 37, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48 and 71.  
  
Items pulled for discussion are as follows: Item #'s 33, 34, 35, 39, 40, 47 and 49.
9. Set Time Certain, if necessary, for agenda items on the February 12, 1998 Agenda.  
No items were set for time certain.

## ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

10. Approve a resolution authorizing Service Extension Request No. 1741 for water service for the Peterson Tract located outside the city limits of Austin. (No fiscal impact.) [Reviewed by Water and Wastewater Commission]  
Postponed
11. Approve a resolution authorizing Service Extension Request No. 1742 for wastewater service for the Peterson Tract located outside the city limits of Austin. (No fiscal impact.) [Reviewed by Water and Wastewater Commission]  
Postponed

Items 10 and 11 postponed on Councilmember Spelman's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's second, 6-1 vote, Mayor Watson voting "NO".

## Electric Utility

12. Approve a resolution authorizing execution of a contract with C&D POWERCOM c/o SOUTHWESTERN BATTERY SUPPLY COMPANY, Houston, Texas, for the purchase of three 130 Volt direct current stationary battery systems and battery charger, in the amount of \$143,464. (Funding was included in the 1997-98 Capital Improvement Project Budget for the Austin Electric Utility; \$130,641 was included in the 1997-98 operating budget of Electric Utility Department.) Low bid of three. No M/WBE Subcontracting opportunities were identified. (Recommended by Electric Utility Commission)  
Resolution No. 980211-12 approved on Councilmember Lewis' motion, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's second, 7-0 vote.

13. Approve a resolution authorizing execution of a three year supply agreement with TECHLINE, INC., Austin, Texas, for the purchase of optical power ground wire, in an amount not to exceed \$770,280 with one twelve month extension option in the amount of \$250,000, for a total contract amount of \$1,020,280. (Funding in the amount of \$449,330 was included in the 1997-98 Capital Improvement Project Budget of the Electric Utility Department. Funding for the remaining five months and the extension option is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.) Low bid of four. No M/WBE Subcontracting opportunities were identified. (Recommended by Electric Utility Commission)  
**Resolution No. 980211-13 approved**
14. Approve execution of one twelve month supply agreement with GE SUPPLY COMPANY, Austin, Texas, for the purchase of luminaries and related supplies (security light units, relays, and starter kits) used for the lighting of public streets, parks, businesses and residential areas, in an amount not to exceed \$451,408 with two twelve month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$451,408 per extension, for a total contract amount of \$1,354,224. (Funding in the amount of \$263,321 was included in the 1997-98 operating budget of the Electric Utility Department. Funding for the remaining five months of the contract and the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.) Low bid of five meeting specifications. No M/WBE Subcontracting opportunities were identified. (Recommended by Electric Utility Commission)  
**Approved**
15. Approve a resolution authorizing negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with AUSLAND ARCHITECTS, Austin, Texas, to provide professional services for the re-design of a materials warehouse for the St. Elmo Service Center, located at 4411 Meinardus Drive, in an amount not to exceed \$76,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$597,900. (Funding was included in the 1997-98 Capital budget of the Electric Utility Department.) 20.6% MBE, 43.5% WBE Subconsultant participation. (Recommended by Electric Utility Commission)  
**Resolution No. 980211-15 approved**

**Items 13 through 15 approved on Councilmember Lewis' motion, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's second, 7-0 vote.**

16. Approve a resolution authorizing the sale of a 1.018 acre tract of land partly in the Alexander Walters Survey No 67, Abstract No 791 and partly in the Samuel Cushing Survey No 70, abstract no. 164, being all of that called 0.98 acre tract of land described in the Deed as recorded in Volume 11717, Page 469 of the real property records of Travis County to the Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources Department, in the amount of \$4,000. (Revenue in the amount of \$4,000 was not included in the 1998 Capital budget of the Electric Utility and will be available for future years capital budget.) [Recommended by Electric Utility Commission]  
**Resolution No. 980211-16 approved on Councilmember Slusher's motion, Councilmember Spelman's second, 6-0 vote, Councilmember Griffith out of the room.**

17. Approve the selection of a logo and business name for the City of Austin Electric Utility Department. (Reviewed by Electric Utility Commission)  
**Approved Option 1 on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Lewis' second, 7-0 vote.**

#### Watershed Protection

18. Approve a resolution authorizing a request for a regional study of Onion Creek by the U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS and authorize negotiation of interlocal agreements to conduct the regional study. (A City match is not required. Staff time is budgeted in 1997-98 operating budget of the Watershed Protection Department.) [Recommended by Flood Plain Task Force and Environmental Board]  
**Resolution No. 980211-18 approved**

#### Planning, Environmental and Conservation Services

19. Approve a resolution authorizing the issuance of a Letter of Intent and a rebate to CAPSTONE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION for the installation of high-efficiency air conditioners at University Commons Apartment Complex, located at 1600 Wickersham Lane, in the amount of \$50,400. Energy improvements qualifying for this rebate will save an estimated 175 kilowatts at a program cost of \$288 per kilowatt saved. Each high efficiency air conditioner will save the residents between \$90 and \$135 per cooling season in energy costs. The comparable cost of a gas turbine is \$1,239 kW, including fuel, operation and maintenance. (Funding is available in the 1997-98 operating budget of the Conservation Rebates and Incentives Fund.) [Recommended by Resource Management Commission]  
**Resolution No. 980211-19 approved**
20. Approve a resolution authorizing amendment #3 to the contract with METZLER & ASSOCIATES, Deerfield, Illinois, to implement an energy services business performance contracting enterprise for the Planning, Environmental and Conservation Services Department, in an amount not to exceed \$867,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,807,000. (Funding was included in the 1997-98 amended operating budget of the Planning, Environmental, and Conservation Services Department.) Subcontracting opportunities will be identified when the scope of work is determined [Recommended by Resource Management Commission].  
**Resolution No. 980211-20 approved**

Items 18 through 20 approved on Councilmember Lewis' motion, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's second, 7-0 vote.

#### 4:30 P.M. - CITIZENS COMMUNICATION OPEN FORUM

EXECUTIVE SESSION (No Public Discussion on These Items)

The City Council will announce it will go into Executive Session, if necessary, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation and personnel matter specifically listed on this agenda. The City Council may also announce it will go into Executive Session, if necessary, to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda.

ADJOURNED at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes for January 21, 1998, February 5, 1998 and February 11, 1998 approved on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1998, minutes for January 14, 1998, January 15, 1998, January 22, 1998 and February 12, 1998 postponed on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Mayor Watson's second 5-0 vote, Councilmembers Griffith and Spelman off the dais.